

Arizona State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

REGULAR MEETING March 23, 2005

Board Members Present:

Deborah Malone, L.Ac., Chairman
Martha Grout, M.D., Secretary
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Della Estrada, L.Ac. Professional Member
Cesar Quintana, Professional Member (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)
Joseph Balensi, L.Ac. Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Don Nichols, Public Member
Yong Deng, L.Ac. Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Lisa Burns, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Allen Imig, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Board Meeting Minutes - Review, Discussion, and Action

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve the January 26, 2005 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Karnas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

None

4. Consideration of Applicants for licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Acupuncture License

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve licensure for:

Rebecca Berkenpas
Rachel Ezell
Margie Parolisi
Patricia Banales

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5– 0.

5. Consideration of Applicants for Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Auricular Certificate

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve certification for:

Anna Steele

Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5– 0.

6. Consideration of Exemption from Continuing Education - Review, Discussion and Action

A. Acupuncture Orthopedics, 15 hours by John Amaro, D.C., L.Ac.

Chairman Malone made a motion to approve the seminar presented by the International Academy of Medical Acupuncture called Acupuncture Orthopedics. Mr. Balensi seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the application as it related to R4-8-308 (A), regarding the continuing education seminar. There were 3 ayes and 3 abstained. The motion passed 6-0

Chairman Malone made a motion for reconsideration of the previous motion. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention

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B. Blood Borne Pathogen Awareness, 15 hours by John Amaro, D.C., L.Ac.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve, Blood Borne Pathogen Awareness for continuing education. Mr. Balensi seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the application as it related to R4-8-308 (A), regarding the continuing education seminar. The motion passed 6 – 0.

- C. Foundations Level 1 and Level 2 Clinical Acupuncture 15 hours per module (21 modules) by John Amaro, D.C., L.Ac.

The Board discussed the application as it related to R4-8-308 (A), regarding the continuing education seminar modules. There was discussion whether this was a program or strictly continuing education.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve each module of this Foundations course as separate modules for continuing education of licensed acupuncturists in the State of Arizona. This does not constitute an approval of the course as a whole to qualify potential acupuncturists to apply for licensure. Chairman Malone seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.

7. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

Legislation:

Chairman Malone appointed Mr. Balensi to the legislative committee. Mr. Balensi accepted. Chairman Malone withdrew from the legislative committee.

Dr. Grout updated the Board on what the legislative committee discussed. One of the items included the make up of the Board to include five professional members, two public members and two other professional members that include acupuncture in their practice so that they have knowledge in the field.

The other item included inactive status for license and certificate holders. These will be brought up at the next legislative session.

Rules:

The committee will schedule a meeting about rules to go over the general structure of the rules first, identify the ones where there are problems and then have separate meetings about each of the areas there are problems.

Legal Counsel, Lisa Burns suggested that the Board define, Letter of Concern.

8. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director reported on the revenue and expenditure report and that projections are right on target.

The Executive Director will bring a list of items to purchase before fiscal year end if money is available.

The Executive Director offered the Board the option to put their biographies on the website.

9. Future Agenda Items

None were mentioned

10. Future Meeting Dates

April 27, 2005

11. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Malone made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Grout seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen Imig
Executive Director